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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
BY INVENTOR**

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For: PICTURE HANGER

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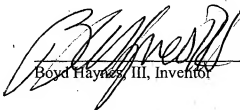
status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate.

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Sir:

Applicant is aware of the following references listed on the attached PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
4,171,117	Prochaska	Oct 1979
4,212,123	Robin	July 1980
4,228,982	Sellera	Oct 1980
4,597,554	James	July 1986
4,827,648	Danin	May 1989
4,912,864	Price	April 1990
5,749,558	Wallo	May 1998
5,848,489	Hartley et al	Dec 1998

The above-listed references are, in the belief and opinion of the undersigned, the closest art of which the applicant is aware as of the date of execution of the Declaration in the above-captioned application.

Respectfully submitted,

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